Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—The D. S. P.'s have training as Circle Inspectors but this one is having training of a Sub-Inspector at Vellore.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—There is no cadre of a Sub-Inspector here now. There are only Inspectors.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Our Inspectors correspond to the Sub-Inspectors of British India.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Sir, in view of the fact that he gets Vellore training, whether that will give him any preferential claim over others in service?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I have answered that already, Sir.

Murder cases in the State.

40. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the number of murder cases reported to the Police in 1110 and 1111;

(b) how many were charge-sheeted and the number of convictions?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) 10 and 3 up to now.

(b) In 1110 the accused were charged in 9 cases. In 5 cases accused were convicted and the remaining 4 cases are pending disposal. In 1111 three cases have been charged all of which are pending disposal.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—May I know, Sir, in how many cases the extreme penalty of the law was inflicted?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I want notice.

Drill Instructor—Excise Department—exemption from examination qualification.

41. **Mr. George Parakkal.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) has the Government exonerated the Drill Instructor in the Excise Department from examination qualification;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, why such exemption was given?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—(a) Yes, under the General Standing Orders No. 2 (p).

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(b) The post of the Drill Instructor is a special one which requires only the necessary technical qualification or training. Hence the minimum educational qualification required by S.O. No. 1 is not insisted on by the Government in the case of that appointment, and hence the exemption. The Drill Instructors (Gymnastic Instructors) attached to the Police and the Havildar Major Instructor attached to the Sayar Brigade are also similarly exempted under the same S.O.

Supply of Tuticorin Salt.

42. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) who are the persons who have tendered for the supply of Tuticorin salt; is the variety of salt to be supplied tested by experts and found good for human consumption;

(b) to whom was the contract entrusted?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—(a) Names of the tenderers are given below.—

1. Mr. M. Viswanath, 39, Esplanade, Madras.
2. Mr. M. Subbiah Nadar, Salt Merchant, Tuticorin.
3. Mr. R. M. H. Kasi Rama Ayyar, Salt Merchant, Tuticorin.
4. Mr. S. V. Nallaperumal Pillai, Tuticorin.
5. Mr. M. Rm. Rama Pillai and Sons, Tuticorin.
6. Mr. S. K. M. G. Ghulam Mohideen Tharaganar and Bros., Salt Merchants, Tuticorin.
7. Mr. M. R. Manner Iyyah, B. A. and B. L., Salt Merchant, Tuticorin.
8. Mr. Lazar Paul Attikaran, Trichur.

No testing by experts was considered necessary. It is largely used in British India and in Travancore for human consumption.

(b) Mr. S. V. Nallaperumal Pillai, Salt Merchant, Tuticorin.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—May I know, Sir, whether the least tender has been accepted in this case?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—The rates accepted were the least.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—May I know, how the price of the salt compare with the Bombay salt?

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